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SCDXC ELECTIONS

The SCDXC ELECTIONS will take place at the January 2005 meeting. All members in good standing will be able to cast ballots.

If you want to run for office, or you wish to nominate a candidate send an email to N6DHz ASAP. Nominations will be taken from the floor.

The following members are currently on the ballot.

President:	Jim Shryne, N6DHz
Vice President:	Bob Paquette, W6ZPL
Secretary:	Steve Shane, W6NRQ
Treasurer:	Doc Holub, WA6OGO
Membership:	Larry Mallek, K6YUI

Directors (2 positions open)
Charlotte Iseda, KB6FXS
Howard Elovitz, W6EGZ
Dave Bell, W6AQ

Be there. Vote. Buy Raffle Tickets.

DUES ARE DUE

The best deal in town is being repeated this year. Dec 31, the dues will be past due.

Eighteen bucks sent to the club treasurer will insure your membership in the best DX Club in the USA and allow you vote for officers in Jan.

Send a check now to the Membership Chairman Larry Mallek, K6YUI

ARRL ELECTIONS

You must mail in your ballots by Nov 10 for it to count in the SW Division election for Director. ARRL needs good persons to run the League and it is our responsibility to choose who will best represent us.

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I have voted have you? Actually I have voted in 2



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elections the presidential election and the ARRL Election. Hopefully both will turnout the way I want them to. Speaking of elections we have one coming up in January get ready to cast your vote for your favorite SCDXC member. Everyone is eligible to run for any office so if

you want to throw your hat in the ring just let me know.

I know everyone says this each year and I certainly don't want to break with tradition, we are very big on tradition in our family. So hear goes, can you believe it is November already and the holidays are almost upon us? Before you know it we will all be sitting around after having consumed too much Thanksgiving dinner. Most of us will be listening to our YL's talking about the sales that start in the morning and we will be thinking about our day off and if Jun's or Ham Radio Outlet will be open in the morning.

Now that I have deftly lead you to the subject of the holidays it is time to get your reservations in for the SCDXC holiday party. We will once again be having it at the Orange Hill Restaurant

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Next General Meeting

The SCDXC meets the second Thursday of the month. Our next meeting will be held November 11, 2004 at Syd Kronenthal Park in Culver City. The park is located 4 blocks west of La Cienega Blvd. and 2 blocks south of Washington Blvd. From the 10 Freeway exit La Cienega south to Washington Blvd. Turn right (west) 4 blocks to McManus Ave (it's La Cienega Ave to the right, McManus to the left). Turn left (south) 2 blocks to the Park. The street dead-ends at the parking lot. Please do not park in the school lot.

See ya there!

Bubba's Spot



Hello to all. It has been a slow month in Bubbdom (my world). We did have a good time at the October meeting. We were late due to one of the passengers getting sick. Jim left him by the side of the road waiting for his wife. Note to self: Don't get sick when riding with Jim. N6DHz really is a very calm guy, although I think he actually drove over 70 MPH! Lots of folks helped out and we got the drawing prizes out and sold lots of tickets.

I really enjoyed Harvey, W8DX's presentation of the old timers. I did have the pleasure of knowing Art, W6EA (SK) and spending some time with him, but, it was so interesting to hear the stories and see the video of radio past. I started my DXing so late in life everything is new and interesting to me.

Congratulations to Steve, W6NRQ, first raffle ticket pulled. He quickly picked up the power station and Bob, AA6PW, was next and he got the Heil microphone and stand. Congrats to all the other winners and also Jim, N6DHz, for yet another fine bunch of prizes. Bubba got busy selling tickets and did not get to wander the room.

I would like to welcome Chet, NI6I, first time visitor and the other visitors I did not have a chance to meet this meeting. I'll be looking forward to seeing you next meeting.

That's all for now. I am heading to Oregon for a private Elk hunt and will have stories and pictures for those that are interested.

Bubba says, 73 and Good DX.

THANKSGIVING 2004



Thanksgiving Day in America is a time to offer thanks, of family gatherings and holiday meals. A time of turkeys, stuffing, and pumpkin pie. A time for Indian corn, holiday parades and giant balloons.

We will eat turkey, watch a few football games and enjoy family. WE give thanks for all that we have and wish for Peace and Sun Spots.

We, the board of the Southern California DX Club wish you a Happy Thanksgiving,

Propagation November 2004

by Shel, W6EL

These predictions for the five prime HF bands show the times when propagation is expected to be best from Los Angeles to several locations around the world during the CQ WW CW contest on November 27-28.

Other times are possible, but with weaker signals or lower probability. Openings are not expected on bands that are not listed. A solar flux of 138, corresponding to a sunspot number of 88, and an average geomagnetic field are assumed. Sunrise/sunset times are at the DX location. All times are UTC.

Good luck and good DX from Shel, W6EL.

JA Japan - Beam 307 degrees
Sunrise/sunset (on 11/27) 2142/0739
80: 0830-0930.
40: 0700-1500.
20: Around 0400.
15: 2130-0130.
10: 2230-0000.

FO French Polynesia - Beam 214 degrees
Sunrise/sunset (on 11/27) 1516/0412
80: 0630-1330.
40: 0430-1400.
20: 0230-1530.
15: 1530-0330.
10: 1630-0200.

ZS South Africa - Beam 87 degrees
Sunrise/sunset (on 11/27) 0320/1649
80: 0100-0130.
40: 0130-0300.
20: 2230-0200.
15: 1800-2400.
10: 1530-2200.

9H Malta - Beam 37 degrees
Sunrise/sunset (on 11/27) 0554/1547
80: 0330-0500.
40: 0130-0600.
20: 1430-1600.
15: 1530-1800.
10: Around 1630.



OH Finland - Beam 16 degrees
Sunrise/sunset (on 11/27) 0713/1259
80: 0630/1000.
40: 0900-1300.
20: 1500-1830.

UA0 Asiatic Russia - Beam 328 degrees
Sunrise/sunset (on 11/27) 2312/0544
80: 0600-1400.
40: 0330-1500.
20: 2100-0300.
15: 2230-0030.

ZP Paraguay - Beam 127 degrees
Sunrise/sunset (on 11/27) 0859/2221
80: 0330-0800.
40: 0130-0900.
20: 2300-0930.
15: 1430-0130.
10: 1530-2330.

ATTENTION

You may have noticed this issue of the Newsletter is somewhat abbreviated. Why? Well, the barrel is empty.

The SCDXC Newsletter needs articles and photos. Tell us about your activities and projects.

Send copy to the editor at harv@scdxc.org and be a published author.

REPEATER STUFF

Heard yesterday

W6OOO mobile listening. Anyone there?

This is W6AM repeater, the Southern California DX Club

Good afternoon W6AM. Handle here is Joe and I am mobile in Carson — BEEP

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W6AM this is W6OOO do you copy? BEEP

Welcome to the Southern Cal DX Club
Repeater BEEP
Fine business—I did not get your name
BEEP

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IOTA activityby Fred N6AWD



Many IOTA expeditions are carried out field day style with just a 100 watts and a vertical antenna. This provides a challenge when there are many island chasers looking for the same station and pile-ups can grow rather large. Off the coast of California there are five IOTA groups which provide opportunity for activity, they are NA-066 Cal.



State south group [Orange and San Diego county], NA-144 Cal. State south group [Santa Barbara to LA county], two groups in Central Ca. and one in the north. One of the central Ca. islands now has become the number one on the rare island list for North America, namely the Faralons islands off the coast of San Francisco. Permission to operate from there has been refused by the authorities because of environmental concerns.

Operating from Catalina as NA-066 is popular and usually yields numerous contacts with dx stations. NA-144 consists of Anacapa, Santa Cruz, San Miguel, and Santa Rosa where activity is infrequent and much in demand in Europe as well as Japan. A number of club members have been to both groups [Jim N6KZ for one]. Either one provides a good spot for participating in the annual IOTA contest which takes place every year in July.

In Baja California Mexico there are 7 groups some of which are very rare. To operate from these groups it requires a special license from the Mexican government covering island operations. The usual reciprocal XE license is not valid for island activity in Mexico. The rules also state that any Mexican island activity has to have 51 per cent Mexican nationals in the operation and an XF permit has to be obtained from the Mexican government in Mexico city.

Hector XF1K has activated 4 Mexican groups in the last two years and is planning 2 more this winter, both groups located in South Baja. Neither one have been on the air in the last 10 years. This operation will have 5 operators and both islands will be on the air for 2 days both ssb and cw.

Another great web site for IOTA is www.rsgbiota.org

HERB REPORT

Jim, N6DHz, sends this news.

Just a short note to let everyone know that Herb had additional surgery on October 18. At the time the doctors were concerned about the possible affects of the surgery as it was fairly extensive. But, Herb came through the surgery with flying colors and without any apparent side affects from this latest surgery. Herb and Karen wanted to let everyone know that they appreciate all the support, thoughts and prayers from the club members. Herb is at home and chasing the FP DXpedition around the bands like the rest of us.

THE CQ CONTEST LIST

Many newer hams are unaware that CQ Magazine sponsors a number of contests and awards in addition to the CQWDX SSB and CW tests.

These contests are:

- CQ World Wide 160-meter Contest
- CQ World Wide WPX Contest
- CQ World Wide RTTY Contest
- CQ World Wide RTTY WPX Contest
- CQ World Wide DX Contest
- CQ World Wide VHF Contest



Reservations are Due November 29th

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and this year we will have a **PRIVATE ROOM**. If you have not been to one of our parties before or our new to the club this is a feast to behold, we always have a great time and as usual a great raffle. This is an event for the entire family so be sure to bring your YL or OM with you. I took an informal poll of a good number of the members and almost unanimously they thought a party with no formal program would be a good idea. This way everyone will get extra time to eat and visit. I'm sure Cathy and I will come up with some interesting little diversions to add to the mix. You can get all the reservation info on the web site at www.scdxc.org/holiday.html there is also a reservation slip located elsewhere in the newsletter. If you miss this you WILL regret it.

It is nice to hear winter conditions starting up again on 40m and 75m/80m. It looks like I will have to start the annual sleepless nights again and see if I can get a little closer to DXCC on 75m, just 32 more to go. With any luck by the time you read this I will have been able to work another 12 on 40m in the CQ WW SSB and I will have the 40m DXCC worked.

My fishing trip in September was great! We arrived on Monday and it was a balmy 38° F and snowing at our cabin at the 8500ft level. The low that night was 28° F but it warmed up nicely into the 60's and 70's for the next several days and the rest of the nights were only in the 40's. Fishing was unbelievable in 3-1/2 days I managed to catch 42 Trout of various types and sizes, all of which went back in the water to grow a little larger for next year. It was quite a sight to see Lake Sabrina drained back all the way to its natural size. Edison was working on the dam and they had it drained to allow them access. You had to hike about a 1/3 of a mile or so just to get near any water and the boat docs were sitting on the ground, with trucks and heavy equipment parked where the fish would normally swim. One afternoon I

spent an enjoyable half-hour fishing Bishop creek about 25ft from a Buck grazing on the hillside across from me. He ate and I fished and we both seemed to have an enjoyable afternoon.

I wanted to thank Harvey, W8DX for allowing us to view his excellent video on the early members of the SCDXC. I know some of you long time members enjoyed seeing it again and us newer members enjoyed it for the first time. Thanks again Harvey.

Remember to get your holiday Party reservations early the deadline is November 29 and don't forget we will be in a **Private Room** this year.

By the way I still have a 52ft tower for sale so if your interested please get in touch with me. I have to get this thing out of hear or Linda will be selling me with it.

WHO ARE THESE GUYS?

From time to time we will publish short bios of our club officers and members. Here is some notes written by A.J. 'Doc' Holub, WA6OGO, Treasurer, SCDXC

In 1948, while attending high school in Illinois, I sat for and received a Class B amateur license, W9EBZ. A year later I took the exam and upgraded that license to Class A. While still in high school, I sat for and received my Radiotelegraph Second Class and Radiotelephone First Class commercial licenses. During this period I was active mostly on ten meters with homemade equipment taking advantage of the vast amount of World War II surplus available in the Chicago area.

For three summers in the early fifties, I sailed as a Radio Officer aboard a Great Lakes passenger vessel and really started my love affair with the sea.

From 1951 until 1955, while attending the engineering school at Purdue University, I was on the engineering staff of WBAA, a 5KW AM radio station in West Lafayette, Indiana.

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K6YRA—VACATION PICS

World traveler Al, K6YRA, visited EA6AZ this past summer. Al received the following e-mail and photos and wanted to share them with you.

Subject: EA6AZ - Photos

Dear Allen

Like I promise yesterday, this is the photos that I comment. The antenna is a rotary dipole for 10-15-20 m and down are the G5RV dipole.

The other photo is in my shack.

Please, Allen, if you have any photo when you've been here, please send me someone.

At least, sorry for my English wrote.

Best regards from Menorca hams



K6LD GETS AWARD

Our "official" CHEF, Keith, K6LD, has been working toward being a certified CHEF. He is diligently taking courses and is now within a short sprint to the end.

This past year he made DEANS list and attended an HONORS reception Friday, October 29, 2004 at Mission College

The college gives special recognition to outstanding scholars each semester.

The criteria for the Dean's List is completion of 12 or more cumulative graded units with a 3.5 or better grade point average. K6LD tells us: "I got a letter from the college and was surprised to find I was on the Deans List. If someone told me that I would

be getting an award for academic excellence I would have laughed and walked away Go figure. Any way it was a thrill to get it just like that all time new one. The award Is The DEAN'S HONOR AWARD is now



Keith, his Mother, and a school official at the award reception.

Dues for 2005 are now due.
Send in a check now and beat the crowd.

For Sale

52FT freestanding crank-up tower. Hy-Gain model HG-52SS, 9 SQ.FT. @ 50mph, complete with base, rotor plate, coax arms, manual, drawings, and engineering calculations. \$475.00 Contact Jim, N6DHz at n6dHz@scdxc.org



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WHO ARE THESE GUYS -cont

After finishing graduate school in 1960, my wife and I moved to Southern California and I received a new Advanced Class call sign, WA6OGO.

I was not very active until 1986, when, after a successful engineering and business career, I rejoined the Merchant Marine as a Radio Officer and sailed numerous vessels until my retirement in 1998. I brought my Kenwood TS-430 aboard with me and operated as a maritime mobile all over the world. For a time I was licensed as EL2SA from Liberia and had many hours on the other side of pile ups.

After retirement I reactivated my station in Tustin and received my Extra Class license. My primary interests are in cw dxing and contesting

In my spare time I teach Marine Communications and Marine Electrical Systems for The Sailing Academy of Orange Coast College; I am the moderator of a weekly computer group called 'Coffee and Computers;' and write a bi-weekly computer column for a local weekly newspaper.

I own a Pacific Seacraft Flicka sailboat (a mighty 20 foot ocean going cruiser) and sail as much as I can. I have a two-meter rig on board that I use to check into the SCDXC repeater.

Next year, health willing, Rosalie and I will celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary.

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